Developing Mohali as IT Hub

2530. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Punjab Government has decided to invest Rs. 200 crores for the infrastructural growth and development of Mohali in Punjab to make it Information Technology hub; and

(b) if so, what sort of help Central Government propose to provide to Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided, Punjab Government intends to develop Mohali as an IT hub. The proposed investment of Rs. 200 crores announced by the Chief Minister is aimed at upgradation of infrastructure at Mohali for industry in general and IT, Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES), Electronics & Communication, Bio-tech and other Hi-tech industry in particular.

(b) Central Government has not so far announced any financial help in this regard.

IT Employees losing their Jobs

2531. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gartner Consultancy has surveyed about the IT services in India and China, recently;

(b) if so, whether they have released any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to outsourcing the employees of IT were losing their jobs; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Gartner has released the following reports about IT services in India & China:

Market Overview: IT Services Providers in India:

This report provides information on market overview for India's IT outsourcing, consulting and systems integration service providers.

India-Based IT Service Providers Tap Into China's Potential:

This report provides insight into the Indian IT service companies that are establishing presence in China to leverage China's software resources and labor pool, and penetrate the Japanese market and mitigate cost pressures, which will benefit India's Global Presence from these developments.

Market Overview Update: IT Services Providers in China:

This Chinese market overview highlights, which service providers, have achieved stronger market shares than others in certain market categories.

(d) and (e) Gartner has prepared report on outsourcing and the misconception that offshore outsourcing has caused lose of jobs. This report provides some of the offshore outsourcing myths that have been a subject of significant debate. Gartner dispels a common misconception that offshore outsourcing has caused many white-collar jobs to disappear.

Tele-Density in Rural Areas

†2532. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average of current telephone density in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether Government are working on any plan to increase tele-density in rural areas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.